GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MONITORING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to constitute District Consultative Committees all over the country to monitor the progress of renewable energy schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of activities and powers of these committees and the eligibility criteria laid down for members of the said committees; and

(d) the time by which these committees are likely to be constituted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The State Governments have been advised to set up District Advisory Committees (DACs) on Renewable Energy in all the districts. This Committee will be broad based and comprise of the District Collector as Chairman and Project Director, District Rural Development Agency as Member Secretary. The other members could include: Chief Executive Officer of the Zila Parishad; General Manager, District Industry Centres; District Forest Officer/ Deputy Director of Social Forestry; Civil Surgeon; District Health Officer; District Information Officer, National Informatics Centre; Lead Bank Manager, Chairman, District Bar Council or District Government Pleader; representatives of local industry associations, non government organisations; Rotary Club, Lions Club, and other prominent citizens such as Scientists, two nominees of the Members of Parliament, State Nodal Agencies etc. The proposed terms of reference of DACs would be to (i) create mass awareness about the benefits of renewable energy sources/devices in the respective districts and to support this Ministry in planning and implementing various renewable energy programmes; (ii) integrate various development programmes with renewable energy programmes and (iii) assist in post-installation servicing of renewable energy devices / systems installed in the district. Financial assistance will be provided by the Ministry, time to time for functioning / meetings of DACs.

(d): The State Governments are actively pursuing the setting up of the Committees at the earliest.